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From: 
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Subject: Systemwide Credit by Evaluation Policy
Executive Order No. 271

Enclosed are five (5) copies of Executive Order No. 271 which updates policies and procedures related to Systemwide Credit by Evaluation activities and supersedes Executive Order No. 203. As with its predecessor, this Executive Order is based upon the recommendations made to the Chancellor by the Committee on Systemwide Examinations in 1973. Executive Order No. 271 contains revisions recommended by the Systemwide Advisory Committee on Credit by Evaluation and approved by the Statewide Academic Senate.

Any questions concerning this Executive Order should be directed to the State University Dean, New Program Development and Evaluation.

It is your responsibility as President to implement Executive Order No. 271 where applicable and to maintain the campus repository and index for all Executive Orders.

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Enclosures

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Executive Order No.: 271
Title: Systemwide Credit by Evaluation Policy
 Executive Order No. 271
Effective Date: May 2, 1977
Supersedes: Executive Order No. 203

This Executive Order is issued pursuant to Sections 22600 and 23605 of the Education Code and Chapter III, Sections 1 and 2 of the Standing Orders of the Board of Trustees of The California State University and Colleges and is effective May 2, 1977.

- The following College Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations shall be acceptable at any campus of The California State University and Colleges for the amount of credit indicated, subject to achievement of scores indicated and to the conditions set forth in this Executive Order.

EXAMINATION	PASSING SCORE	CREDIT*
Mathematics General Exam (1975 edition) (Note: Passing score must be earned on both parts of examination)	50	3 semester units
College Algebra – Trigonometry	49	3 semester units
Calculus and Analytic Geometry (including essay)	48	3 semester units
Statistics (including essay)	49	3 semester units
General Chemistry	48	3 semester units

- Students passing Advance Placement Program examinations with scores of 3, 4 or 5 will receive six semester units of credit.*

*Quarter system campus may award an equivalent in terms of the standard course value at that campus. Thus a 6 semester unit exam might result in the award of credit in the amount of 8, 9, or 10 quarter units. For admission purposes the standard unit values shall be utilized to assure uniformity in eligibility determination.

3. Students who pass the American Chemistry Society Cooperative Examination in General Chemistry (most recent edition) at or above the 50th percentile will receive 3 semester units of credit.*
4. Students passing the CSUC English Equivalency Examination during the 1972-73 college year and any subsequent college years in which it is administered shall be awarded six semester units of credit.*
5. Subject to the provisions of Part 10 below, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs may designate examinations in addition to those listed herein for which credit by evaluation will be awarded pursuant to this Executive Order. Upon designating any such examination, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs shall establish a passing score for the examination and shall specify the amount of credit to be awarded.
6. The award of credit by evaluation to students passing any examination listed in this Executive Order or any examination designated by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs pursuant to Part 5 of this Executive Order shall be subject to the following conditions.
 - a. Credit shall not be awarded for successful passage of any examination if the student has taken that examination previously within the past calendar year.
 - b. Credit shall not be awarded when equivalent degree credit has been granted for regular course work, credit by evaluation or other instructional processes, such as correspondence study or military training.
 - c. Credit shall not be awarded when credit has been granted for previous course work or for an examination more advanced than the level represented by the examination in question.
 - d. Care shall be taken not to award duplicate credit due to overlapping tests, college level courses, or both. Where there is partial overlap, the amount of examination credit shall be prorated.
 - e. The total amount of credit earned on the basis of externally developed tests which may be applied to a baccalaureate degree shall not exceed 30 semester units except that Advanced Placement Examination credit is excluded from the limit.
7. The determination of specific course equivalencies and program applicability for credit earned by externally developed examination is the responsibility of the campus where the student enrolls. Recommendations of two Systemwide Committees for those mathematics and chemistry examinations which are being adopted for systemwide use are attached as Attachment A. These may be helpful in the development of campus policy. Additional recommendations may be issued from time to time.
8. There shall be a standing Advisory Committee on Credit-by-Evaluation. Appointments to the Committee shall be made by the Chancellor. Membership shall include: an academic vice president, a director of admissions, four teaching faculty recommended by the Chairman of

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the Statewide Academic Senate, the director of the Consortium (or his designee), the State University Dean of New Program Development and Evaluation (or his designee), and the State University Dean of Educational Programs and Resources (or his designee). The duties of the Advisory Committee shall include the following:

- a. Conduct an annual review of systemwide credit by evaluation policies and recommend revision to the Chancellor.
 - b. Identify external examinations which should be reviewed and evaluated for possible systemwide adoption and recommend subject matter faculty and testing experts for appointment to review subcommittees to be established by the Chancellor in consultation with the Chairman of the Statewide Academic Senate.
 - c. Develop procedures for the conduct of such reviews and oversee the activities of review subcommittees.
 - d. Recommend standards for granting credit on a systemwide basis for any external or system developed examination proposed for use in The California State University and Colleges.
 - e. Advise in connection with the conduct of pilot and experimental programs involving new credit by evaluation activities.
9. The Division of New Program Development and Evaluation shall be responsible for the coordination of systemwide credit by evaluation activities including the provision of staff support to the Advisory Committee.
10. From time to time experimental test administrations may be undertaken on a systemwide basis. Whether such tests are system developed or externally developed, decisions concerning the award of credit shall not be made until there has been consultation with the Advisory Committee and the Academic Senate, The California State University and Colleges, and until the proposal has been reviewed by the Chancellor's Council of Presidents. To assure the college level content equivalency of externally designed or administered tests, all such tests shall be reviewed and recommended by systemwide faculty subcommittees, as provided for in Part 8 above, prior to their adoption on a systemwide basis.



Glenn S. Dumke, Chancellor

Date: May 2, 1977

ATTACHMENT A

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COURSE EQUIVALENCIES AND APPLICABILITY FOR CLEP EXAMINATIONS ADOPTED FOR SYSTEMWIDE USE.

CLEP GENERAL EXAMINATION IN MATHEMATICS (3): General Education Credit in the basic subjects area.

CLEP COLLEGE ALGEBRA – TRIGONOMETRY (3): A traditional precalculus course.

CLEP CALCULUS WITH ANALYTIC GEOMETRY, INCLUDING ESSAY (3): The first term of a course normally offered for students majoring in fields other than mathematics or natural science.

CLEP STATISTICS INCLUDING ESSAY (3): An elementary precalculus probability and statistics course.

CLEP GENERAL CHEMISTRY AND ACS GENERAL CHEMISTRY (3): General Education Credit in the natural science area, no laboratory credit.

All recommendations are for tests in their most recent editions. New editions are, however, subject to review, and policy on these new editions is subject to change.